SYMPTOMATIC CHILD AT SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE DECISION GUIDE

Hamilton Public Health Services

SELF-SCREENING AT HOME

First thing in the morning, the parent/child completes the School and Child Care Screening and follows prompts. Secondary students validate their screening at school.

Child becomes ill at school/child care with **ONE or more** of the following symptoms: fever and/or chills; cough or barking cough (croup); shortness of breath; decrease or loss of taste or smell; sore throat or difficulty swallowing; runny or stuffy/congested nose; headache; nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea; extreme tiredness or muscle aches.

Ill child remains masked & staff supervising wear full PPE.

Child (and siblings) goes to isolation room.

Disinfect classroom, isolation room, work area & items.

School/child care calls parent/guardian to pick up child (and siblings).

Child gets picked up to self-isolate at home. Household contacts of this child (siblings, parents, etc.) stay at home pending test results or diagnosis of another illness.

Contact health care provider for advice/assessment.

Child tested for COVID-19?

YES

Child with symptoms and household contacts isolate at home.

Test result received.

POSITIVE

Child with positive test result remains in isolation and follows Hamilton Public Health Services' guidance. Child cannot attend school/child care for at least 10 days. Household contacts need to self-isolate at home for 14 days and follow public health guidelines.

NEGATIVE

If child has no known high-risk exposure and has not been advised by public health to isolate, they can return to school/child care when they do not have a fever (without the use of fever-reducing meds) and when symptoms have been improving for 24 hours.

NO

Child with symptoms must self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days. Child can return to school/child care when they do not have a fever (without the use of fever- reducing meds) and when symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. Household contacts isolate for 14 days.

Child has alternative diagnosis provided by health care provider.

Child isolates at home until they do not have a fever (without the use of fever-reducing meds) and symptoms improving for 24 hours.

RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILD CARE PROCESS